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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace any prior version or listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

21 (currently amended). A sealing strip for sealing a gap between two parts, said sealing strip comprising:

a flexible layer having a first surface adhereable to one of said parts and a second surface sealingly engageable with the other of said parts;

an adhesive layer positioned on said first surface and adapted to adhere said first surface to said one part;

a cover sheet positioned over said adhesive layer and releasably attached thereto; and

a pull thread extending through the thickness of said cover sheet, and having at least one free end of said pull thread protruding from one side of said cover sheet, outwardly therefrom, an opposite end of said pull thread being positioned on an opposite side of said cover sheet, having an planar anchoring element being attached to one of said ends of said pull thread and connecting said pull thread to said cover sheet for removing said cover sheet from said adhesive layer in one piece.

22 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein ~~said pull thread has two ends, both of which protrude outwardly from said cover sheet, each of said ends having an anchoring element~~ extends substantially perpendicularly to said pull thread attached thereto comprising a planar holding element.

23 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said pull thread comprises a synthetic material.

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24 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

25 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

26 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

27 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said pull thread comprises a synthetic material.

28 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

29 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

30 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

31 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

32 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

33 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

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34 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

35 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

36 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

37 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

38 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

39 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

40 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

41 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

42 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

43 (canceled).